

# Safeguarding Children and Adults

## November 2019

Dear Colleagues

Below are details of some recently published articles and other items of interest on Safeguarding and Protection of Adults and Children.

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Regards  
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## News items, books, reports

Including items from NSPCC's CASPAR bulletin

### Social workers use of Facebook

Source: Community Care

Date: 24 October 2019

Community Care reports on research published in the Journal of Technology in Human Services looking at social workers surveillance of the Facebook accounts of families involved with children's services. Fieldwork based in the offices of child protection social work teams in two local authorities in England found that Facebook use took multiple forms, with some social workers actively searching service users' Facebook pages and some opposed any such usage.

<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2019/10/24/facebook-surveillance-normalised-among-social-workers-study-concludes/>

### Self-harm

Source: BBC

Date: 28 October 2019

The BBC reports that Instagram has pledged to remove fictional depictions of self-harm or suicide, including drawings or memes and content from films or comics that use graphic imagery, extending measures announced in February 2019, which banned "graphic images of self-harm".

Read the news story: [Molly Russell: Instagram extends self-harm ban to drawings](#)

[Taking more steps to keep the people who use instagram safe](#)

## Self harm

Source: Swansea University

Date: 29 October 2019

Researchers at Swansea University have published findings from a study analysing self-harm among children and young people in Wales accessing healthcare using data from GPs, emergency care departments and outpatient clinics, as well as hospital admissions for the years 2003 to 2015. Findings from a study of 937,697 children and young people, aged between 10 and 24, of whom 15,739 accessed healthcare services for self-harm include: rates of self-harm were highest among 15 to 19-year-olds, but from 2011 the largest increases were seen among 10 to 14-year-olds, particularly girls; 58% of those seeking emergency care for self-harm were boys and young men, however boys who attended emergency care after harming themselves were much less likely to be admitted to hospital than girls.

Read the press release: [New study reveals girls more likely to be admitted to hospital after self-harming](#)

Read the journal article: [Self-harm presentation across healthcare settings by sex in young people: an e-cohort study using routinely collected linked healthcare data in Wales, UK](#)

## Domestic abuse

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Date: 21 October 2019

The Government has published its response to the consultation on future delivery of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services in England. The response includes an announcement that the Government bring into force statutory guidance placing a duty on local authorities to commission services so that all victims of domestic abuse and their children can access support in safe accommodation. Local authorities will also be required to develop and publish strategies which set out in detail the range of support services available for those fleeing violent relationships

Read the press release: [Local Government Secretary confirms new support for survivors of domestic abuse](#)

Read the consultation response: [Future delivery of support to victims and their children in accommodation-based domestic abuse services \(PDF\)](#)

## Sudden unexpected infant death

Source: Department for Education

Date: 17 October 2019

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has announced a national child safeguarding practice review into sudden unexpected infant death (SUDI) in families where the children are considered at risk of harm. The review is expected to commence in mid-October and complete within six months.

Read the news story: [Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel: second national review](#)

Read the correspondence: [Letter from Edward Timpson: National review into SUDI in families where children are considered at risk of harm \(PDF\)](#)

### **Protecting disabled children from sexual abuse**

Source: NSPCC Learning

Date: 17 October 2019

The NSPCC has published a report examining the views of with parents and carers of disabled children and young people on how keep them safe from child sexual abuse. Findings from a review of research as well as interviews and discussion groups with 30 parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities include: schools and other service providers should work in partnership with parents to ensure that disabled children receive consistent, accessible information on safe touch, choice and control, puberty, sex, relationships and abuse, and knowing how to let others know when they feel unsafe. Alongside the report NSPCC Learning has updated the website content on Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people.

Read the news story: [Protecting disabled children from sexual abuse](#)

Read the report: [Parents' and carers' views on how we can work together to prevent the sexual abuse of disabled children \(PDF\)](#)

[See also on NSPCC Learning](#)

> [NSPCC Learning: Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people](#)

### **Female genital mutilation**

Source: Crown Prosecution Service

Date: 17 October 2019

The Crown Prosecution Service has updated the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) prosecution guidance to clarify that vaginal cosmetic surgery and genital piercing should in most cases not be prosecuted as FGM.

Read the news story: [FGM perpetrators have no hiding place](#)

Read the guidance: [Female Genital Mutilation prosecution guidance](#)

### **Shared decision making**

Source: Anna Freud Centre

Date: 16 October 2019

The Anna Freud Centre has launched a resource on shared decision making, a collaborative process where a young person works together with their family and professionals or service provider to make an informed decision about the treatment or care option that is best for them. The resource features top tip videos for young people, parents and carers and professionals about how to engage in the shared decision making process.

Access the resource: [Shared decision making](#)

## Journal articles

### **Child sexual abuse inquiry launches investigation into child protection leadership**

Inquiry will look at how organisations respond to whistleblowers and promote a 'learning', not 'blaming', culture by **Mithran Samuel** on November 1, 2019 Community Care

<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2019/11/01/child-sexual-abuse-inquiry-launches-investigation-child-protection-leadership/>

### **A randomized-control trial testing the impact of a multidisciplinary team response to older adult maltreatment**

Anne P. DePrince, Leslie K. Hasche, Julie M. Olomi, Naomi M. Wright & Jennifer Labus (2019), **Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect**, 31:4-5, 307-324,

Forensic center multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) have emerged to address older adult maltreatment; however, little research is available on this approach. The current study employed a randomized-control design to test the impact of a victim-focused, forensic center MDT relative to usual care (UC) on older adult victim and criminal justice outcomes. Cases of abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation involving a perpetrator in a position of trust were randomly assigned to MDT or UC. Outcomes were assessed via interviews with older adult victims, system-based advocates' surveys, and administrative data. According to system-based advocates, MDT had a better prognosis, higher cross-agency coordination, and more types of engaged services relative to UC. Administrative data indicated low rates of APS case openings and prosecution. Findings provide support for continued use of MDTs following older adult maltreatment and highlight difficulties engaging older adults given the complex social and material circumstances often related to maltreatment.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08946566.2019.1682097>


### **Mistreated older adults with dementia in the home: practitioner experience and unattainable professional agency**

Jeannette Lindenbach, Sylvie Larocque, Debra, G Morgan & Kristen Jacklin (2019) , **Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect**, 31:4-5, 373-401

The experience of practitioners who encounter mistreatment of an older adult with dementia by a caregiver in the home has received little attention in the literature. A critical research methodology aimed to understand the experience of professional agency, the ability to control outcomes and act in a meaningful way, of health and social service practitioners when encountering these cases in the home. Fifty-one practitioners from urban, rural and Northeastern communities in Ontario participated in semi-structured interviews, reflective journals, as well as focus group discussions. Theoretical thematic analysis of data led to the discovery of five themes: weathering the storm to realization; cognitive uncertainty; emotional upheaval; one's inability to resolve the mistreatment; and the double-edge sword of self-reflection. Understanding this experience is an essential step toward improving practice and policy, and achieving positive outcomes for the mistreated older adult with dementia and their caregiver within the home.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08946566.2019.1657540>

## Violence against Women

Substance Use as a Coping Mechanism for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: Implications for Safety and Service Accessibility  
Lindsay B. Gezinski, Kwynn M. Gonzalez-Pons , Mallory M. Rogers  
October 19, 2019

This study examined substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) among survivors of intimate partner violence, with data collected from 102 participants. Both survivors and service providers emphasized SUD and MH as top priorities and reported a high prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem coupled with increasing rates of heroin, methamphetamine, and pharmaceutical abuse. Emergent themes included (a) trauma impacts functioning, (b) substances as coping strategy, (c) weighing safety against need, (d) lacking SUD and MH services, and (e) need for comprehensive and culturally specific resources. Scarcity of funding demands cross-sector collaboration to support survivors.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1077801219882496>

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Andrea Gonzalez and Assaf Oshri

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Leah C. Hibel, Evelyn Mercado, and Kristin Valentino

The Interpersonal Neurobiology of Child Maltreatment: Parasympathetic Substrates of Interactive Repair in Maltreating and Nonmaltreating Mother–Child Dyads

Erika Lunkenheimer, Alex Busuito, Kayla M. Brown, Carlomagno Panlilio, and Elizabeth A. Skowron

Trajectories of Resting Heart Period and Shyness in Adolescent Females Exposed to Child Maltreatment

Kristie L. Poole, Harriet L. MacMillan, and Louis A. Schmidt

A Pilot Study of Neurocognitive Function and Brain Structures in Adolescents With Alcohol Use Disorders: Does Maltreatment History Matter?

Michael D. De Bellis, Rajendra A. Morey, Kate B. Nooner, Donald P. Woolley, Courtney C. Haswell, and Stephen R. Hooper

The Mediating Role of Neural Activity on the Relationship Between Childhood Maltreatment and Impulsivity

Emily S. Hallowell, Assaf Oshri, Spencer W. Liebel, Sihong Liu, Bryant Duda, Uraina S. Clark, and Lawrence H. Sweet

Adverse Childhood Experiences and Amygdalar Reduction: High-Resolution Segmentation Reveals Associations With Subnuclei and Psychiatric Outcomes

Assaf Oshri, Joshua C. Gray, Max M. Owens, Sihong Liu, Erinn Bernstein Duprey, Lawrence H. Sweet, and James MacKillop

Atypical Prefrontal–Amygdala Circuitry Following Childhood Exposure to Abuse: Links With Adolescent Psychopathology

Matthew Peverill, Margaret A. Sheridan, Daniel S. Busso, and Katie A. McLaughlin

Childhood Maltreatment Disrupts Brain-Mediated Pathways Between Adolescent Maternal Relationship Quality and Positive Adult Outcomes

Lauren A. Demers, Elizabeth D. Handley, Ruskin H. Hunt, Fred A. Rogosch, Sheree L. Toth, Kathleen M. Thomas, and Dante Cicchetti

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Neurocognitive Adaptation and Mental Health Vulnerability Following Maltreatment: The Role of Social Functioning

Eamon McCrory, Joseph R. Ogle, Mattia Indi Gerin, and Essi Viding

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Understanding the Neurobiological Implications of Maltreatment: A Commentary on the Special Issue

Kalsea J. Koss

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Martin H. Teicher and Alaptagin Khan

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Job Description –: Editor in Chief, Child Maltreatment

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Damion J. Grasso, Carla Stover, and Daniel Whitaker

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Lisa D. Brush and Elizabeth Miller

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Christina Nieder, Christoph Muck, and Joscha Kärtner

Reducing Rape-Related Attitudes Utilizing a Cognitive Dissonance Paradigm  
Sarah E. Steinmetz, Matt J. Gray, and Elizabeth M. Raymond

When Daddy Stalks Mommy: Experiences of Intimate Partner Stalking and Involvement of Social and Legal Authorities When Stalker and Victim Have Children Together  
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